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Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

RE: Bill No. 484

I learned over the past weekend that CT is considering new ways of filling holes in the state budget – and that one of those ways would be taking money from the Connecticut Energy Efficient Fund (CEEF). As house owner and a rate payer, I DO NOT approve of the money that I pay MONTHLY to the CEEF to be used for the state deficit. Essentially, this would imply another “tax” from the state on its’ residents – and quite frankly I pay enough taxes, not only to the state but federally as well.

I understand that the CEEF and the Utility companies, have been an effective tool in helping CT businesses to reduce their overhead costs and in short allowing many of them to stay in business, not only helping the economy but keeping CT’s unemployment rate down.

I myself am employed at a company that is based upon and devoted to helping small businesses and consumers reduce their energy consumption. Many of the businesses that we work with would not be able to make the changes necessary without the CEEF. If money is taken from this fund, the impact would span across innumerable industries – electricians, suppliers, truckers, recycling companies, subcontractors and manufacturing facilities just to name a few. Subtraction from the CEEF would effectively cripple many aspects of CT’s economy and further down the road, successfully raise the CT unemployment rate.

I insist that this CEEF money NOT be touched by the state, and plead the state of CT to consider other ways of filling their budget holes. Taking money from a successful program used on a daily basis by many companies would be a mistake and in the long run, cause more problems for the state.

Please don’t cause more trouble for the residents of Connecticut, we have enough to deal with already.

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